

Walking Tours Through Historic Districts



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The southwest quadrant of the area was platted by Daniel Read and others in 1853 as an addition to the city. The oldest houses in the detailer are located in a remainful segment of the Read Addition along East Tenth and were probably constructed between 1853 and the platting of the Coltage Grove Addition by the and Mary Batman in 1896.

Cottage Grove Avenue runs through this district of turn-of-the-century, everacular, wood farme ordages and 1998 Cafannan sylve measorry homes. The builders and residents of three homes belonged to all dasses of early iventieth century bloom-ington rocety. Tree-lined streets, some with back or out lime-stone sidewalks and out limesome retaining walls, add to the historic character of the area.

Cottage Grove

# A Walk Through **Cottage Grove** Historic District

Historic Tour Guide No. 6



Bloomington, Indiana

#### Please respect the privacy of the owners by viewing all listed buildings from the street.



1. The Angelika Apartments 111 Fast Tenth

The Angelika Apartments were the homes of four families in 1929. The men were employed by the Indiana Bell Telephone Co., the Hook Drug Co., the Monon railroad and as the deputy county clerk. Two flats per floor, each with separate entrance, balcony and basementlevel garage, gave the residents many of the conveniences of single family homes, at lower cost and greater efficiency. The brown brick, Craftsman style building presents a utilitarian impression that befits its function of housing middle-class, professional workers.



2. 611 North Washington

A draftsman, Stanley Crowe, and his wife, Amy, built this lime-stone Tudor Revival house in the late 1920s. The dressed ashlar stone of variously sized rectangular shapes is a striking feature of the house, as is the half-timbering in the asymmetrical gables. The thered buttress at the front corner, multi-paned steel casement sash and black iron lantern are also characteristic of this imaginative 1920s architectural style.



3. Seward House 615 North Washington

Fred Seward, of the Seward & Co. foundry, machine shop and supply house, and his wife, Dorothy, built this brick American four-square house in 1922 and lived there until 1962. Fred, along with his brother, William Austin, and mother, Jenny Lind Seward, ran the family business, started by great grandfather. Austin Seward, in 1821 and located four blocks west at 408 West Eighth from 1907 until 1972. The large brick house has wide, overhanging eaves, a square floor plan, heavy limestone lintels and multi-paned sash.



4. 612 North Washington ca. 1928

The manager of the Interstate Public Service Co., Fred Miller, and his wife, Gertrude, built this wood frame, Colonial Revival bungalow between 1927 and 1929. By 1931 and until the 1940s, Elsworth and Elizabeth King of the King Petroleum Corp. at 203 South Walnut made this their home. The King Corp. owned 3 service stations in town.



5. 622 North Washington

The use of rock-faced ashlar limestone gives this simple pyramidroof cottage a solid, stately form. It was the home of laborer, Rollie
Branam, his wife, Lulu, and Anna Goodwin, a widow, in 1909.
Other Branams lived nearby and worked at the Showers Brothers
Co. The co-owner of the Diana Sweet Shop at 112 North Walnut,
Gus Lycas, lived here with his wife, Eustathis, in 1927. Finally, in
1934, the Moore Products Co. lighting equipment manufacturers
made this the only industrial building in the district for a short time.



6. 612 North Walnut

Stone quarry owners Mr. & Mrs. John Hunter were the residents of this late nineteenth century Queen Anne style brick house at the turn of the century. The next resident, Julia Evans, widow of James, proprietor of the Evans Electric Co., Jived in the house until the 1940s. Textural complexity is created by the recessed panels in the brick and the fishscale shingles and omate scrollwork vents in the gables. Compare this Queen Anne brick cottage with the larger contemporary wood frame Morgan House in the next block at 532.



7. 700 North Walnut ca. 1928

Roy and Ethel Burns were the first owner residents of this Craftsman style bungalow in 1929 and lived there until the 1940s. Mr. Burns was a grocer, with a store five blocks to the south. The tapestry brick in two tones and the large knee braces are distinctive features of this handsome bungalow.



8. 706 North Washington ca. 1930

This limestone Tudor Revival house has a storybook quality with its winding front walk, shuttered windows, prominent chimney and two front gables. Lancelot and Josephine Kell, who were the first owners of 808 one block north, lived here in the 1930s.



The president of the Harding & Cogswell Stone Co. of Ellettsville, Percy Cogswell, built this house and lived here with his wife, Nell, in 1927. The house, pictured here in an early 1930s photograph, has elements of the Tudor Revival style evidenced by the tiered butelements of the Tudor Revival style evidenced by the tiered but-tresses, dressed ashlar limestone and multi-paned upper sash. The Craftsman style is also evidenced by the solid massing, lower pitched roof and the multi-paned upper sash. Both styles were popular in the 1920s.



10. 808 North Washington ca. 1926

Lancelot Kell, foreman at the Indian Hill Stone Co. of Victor, and his Lanceiot Kell, foreman at the Indian Hill Stone C.o. of victor, and his wife, Josephine, lived in this Craftsman style bungalow in 1927. The brick house with limestone details has classic bungalow features such as the low pitched roof, wide overhanging eaves with large brackets, wide front porch and multi-paned upper sash. Reportedly built from a Sears, Roebuck and Company kit, the house is similar to the "Bedford" plan offered by Sears in the 1920s.



11. 812-814 North Washington ca. 1928

This Craftsman style duplex with two-toned brown tapestry brick veneer was the home of Norwell Jacobs, the manager of the Evans-ville Morris Plan Co. at 109 South College, his wife, Esther, and Paul Latourette, an employee of the Showers Brothers Co. and his wife, Orlou, in 1929. The residents over the years included many who were similarly employed. The pergola construction connecting the two front entrances, the compact overall form and matching garage at the rear give this duplex a decidedly residential feel.



12. 811 North Washington ca. 1926

Ralph Figg, draftsman with the Indiana Limestone Co., and his wife, Eva, lived in this house until the 1940s. The otherwise simple Craftsman bungalow boldly armounces itself with an open truss front porch roof supported by battered porch porsts atop large brick piers and a delicate slatted wood balustrade. The solid structure of the house is further emphasized by large cut lime one foundation blocks.



13. 804 North Walnut ca. 1924

This large brick Craftsman style bungalow has a characteristic deep front porch the width of the house and under cover of the main, low-pitched roof of the house. Cecil Robinson, who owned an automobile garage three blocks to the north, lived in the house in 1927.



14. 201 East Twelfth

Built between 1922 and 1925, this wood frame, Craftsr cottage is distinguished by its windowed central tower that rises above the pyramidal roof and is capped by its own pyramidal roof. The first owner resident of the house was Darrell Adams, a stenographer at the Showers Brothers Co., and his wife, Katherine.

The houses shown here are representative and are not intended to be an exhaustive list of historic resources in the district.



15. 805 North Lincoln ca. 1905

J.C. Allen, a carpenter at the Showers Brothers Co., lived here with his wife, Martha, in 1909. The two-story, wood frame house with Queen Anne and Classical Revival detailing is in keeping with the traditional style of building in this older eastern part of the district, but it is executed at a grander scale.



16. 801 North Lincoln

Also built in the first decade of this century, this wood frame, pyramid-roof cottage with a classical porch column and fancy cut roof rafters is sited high above the street with an attractive limestone retaining wall. There is a matching carriage house at the rear. Stone contractor Charles Woolery and his wife, Mabel, lived here from 1916 to the 1920s, when they moved to the newly fashionable Elm Heights poichborhood.



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18. 301 and 307 East Cottage Grove 317 East Tenth ca. 1905

The three hundred block of East Cottage Grove is tree-lined with herningbone-patterned brick sidewalks and cut limestone retaining walls.
The small, wood frame cottages are vernacular in style with some
Queen Anne and Classical Revival details—a common building
practice at the turn of the century when they were built. The L-shaped
house at 30T East Cottage Grove has Queen Anne decorative scrollwork in the front-facing gable. These simple forms and details are
found repeatedly among the houses on this and surrounding streets
and on the west side of town. Several variations of the pyramid-roof
cottage are found on East Tenth. One is the house at 31T East Tenth.
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19. 213 East Cottage Grove

A switchman for the Monon railway, John Hendrix, and his wife, Ellen, lived in this simple wood frame bungalow in 1927. The posi-tion of the house on the side of a hill provides the full height neces-sary for a basement-level garage on the east side. sary for a basement-level garage



20. 610 North Lincoln ca. 1915

Cut limestone sidewalks laid by WPA workers in the 1930s adom this block of North Lincoln. This Craftsman style American four-square duplex has wood siding on the first floor, wood shingles on the second floor and three-over-one sash. The first residents of the duplex included Moses Graves, an insurance agent, his wife, Anna, and Elmer Dunn, a timekeeper, and his wife, Florence, in 1916.



21. 217 East Tenth ca. 1860

This simple wood frame house is among the oldest houses in the district. It is a traditional vernacular "Hall-and-Parlor" house consisting of a rectangular floor plan with a central front door opening into the larger of two rooms. This early house probably dates from between the 1853 Read Addition and the 1896 Cottage Grove Addition. Its simple form is a reminder of the time when small farms adjoined the city and the "grove of cottages" was an unimagined development.